

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Jorg Jahn et al.

Application No.: 10/587,317

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For: DEVICE FOR ACTUATING AT LEAST ONE
PIVOTED EXTERIOR ELEMENT OF A
VEHICLE

Examiner: G. A. Blankenship

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

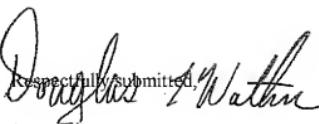
In an election/restriction requirement mailed April 1, 2009, the Examiner indicated that claim 1 is generic, but that the application includes two patentably distinct species. These are Species A, corresponding to Figures 8.1 – 10.12 and Species B, corresponding to Figures 11.1 – 11.5.

It is assumed that when the Examiner refers to claim 1 as generic, the Examiner is in fact referring to claim 24, which is the first independent claim following the Preliminary Amendment filed in this case. Claims 24-46 are pending.

Applicant hereby elects Species A, corresponding to Figures 8.1 – 10.12, without traverse. Applicants submit that claims 24-39 and 41-46 on this species.

Any questions should be directed to Applicants' below-signed representative.

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Respectfully submitted,

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